

Before throwing stones, look at your hand

It has been said, "I am convinced that it is not the fear of death, of our lives ending, that haunts our sleep so much as the fear... that as far as the world is concerned, we might as well never have lived." Harold Kushner made that statement.

Bring that to our attention on this first week of the New Year, because all of us want our life to count, and I want this New Year to count for you. Your significance isn't found in the perfect image, your wallet, or achieving fame or recognition nationally or locally.

As we begin the year, I want to encourage you to embrace your time on earth as a limited resource. If you do that, I am convinced it will have incredible power to liberate you. This is the only Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, you will ever see, so live it to the



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fullest, and if it is a bad day, realize that a new one will come with fresh potential.

I love what the Apostle Paul pens in Philippians 4:4-7, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your

hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

A legend tells the story of a fisherman called Aaron. "Aaron lived on the banks of a river. Walking home with his eyes half-closed one evening after a hard day's work, he was dreaming of what he could do if he were rich. As he walked, his foot struck against a leather pouch filled with what seemed to him to be small stones.

Absentmindedly he picked up the pouch and began throwing the pebbles into the water. "When I am a rich man," he said to himself, "I'll have a large house." And he threw another pebble into the river. He

threw another one and thought, 'my wife and I will have servants and rich food, and many fine things.'

And this went on until just one stone was left. As Aaron held it in his hand, a ray of light caught it and made it sparkle. He then realized that it was a valuable gem. He had been throwing away the riches in his hand, while he dreamed of unreal riches in the future."

As you embark on 2008, let us remember all the riches that can be yours in Christ Jesus and all the blessings from God that we do have and not overlook these because of all the things we don't have, many of which we don't even need in order to live a contented and happy life.

As Charles Dickens once said, "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty;

not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

Live with no regrets. Live a life that receives hope and extends hope. Learn that contentment and happiness come from within and not from circumstances without.

They come from changing the things we can and need to change. It comes from not missing opportunities to let love live.

It comes from accepting and learning to live with the things we cannot change and having the wisdom to know the difference. They come from the attitude of one's heart and mind, and learning

to trust God in everything.

One last thing I want to encourage you to do is get plugged into church this year.

You are welcome to come to Calvary. Don't just go every once in a while, or when it is convenient, but allow church to become your life. After all, if you are or become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are the church.

Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and Colledge. Go to the church's web site at calvarygospel.net or e-mail Rains at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

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Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Kolleen Rose Meyer, also known as Kolleen R. Kricak, of Lancaster County, Neb., to William E. Cure, Edward J. Cure and John P. Cure the NW/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R42W.

Alexander Ross Meyer and Joni Meyer of McLennan County, Texas,

to William E. Cure, Edward J. Cure and John P. Cure the NW/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R42W.

James Alex Meyer and Sarah Meyer of Monona County, Iowa, to William E. Cure, Edward J. Cure and John P. Cure the NW/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R42W.

Frances Gay Cooley conveys and warrants to Jeremiah Thomas Jennings and Colleen Koehler Lots 11

and 12, Block 59, Original Town of Goodland.

David Walker and Lavera Walker of Jackson County, Oregon, to

Nicholas Dean Arnold and Anne Haver the S54' of Lot 7 and the N14' of Lot 8, Block 5, Koehler First Addition.

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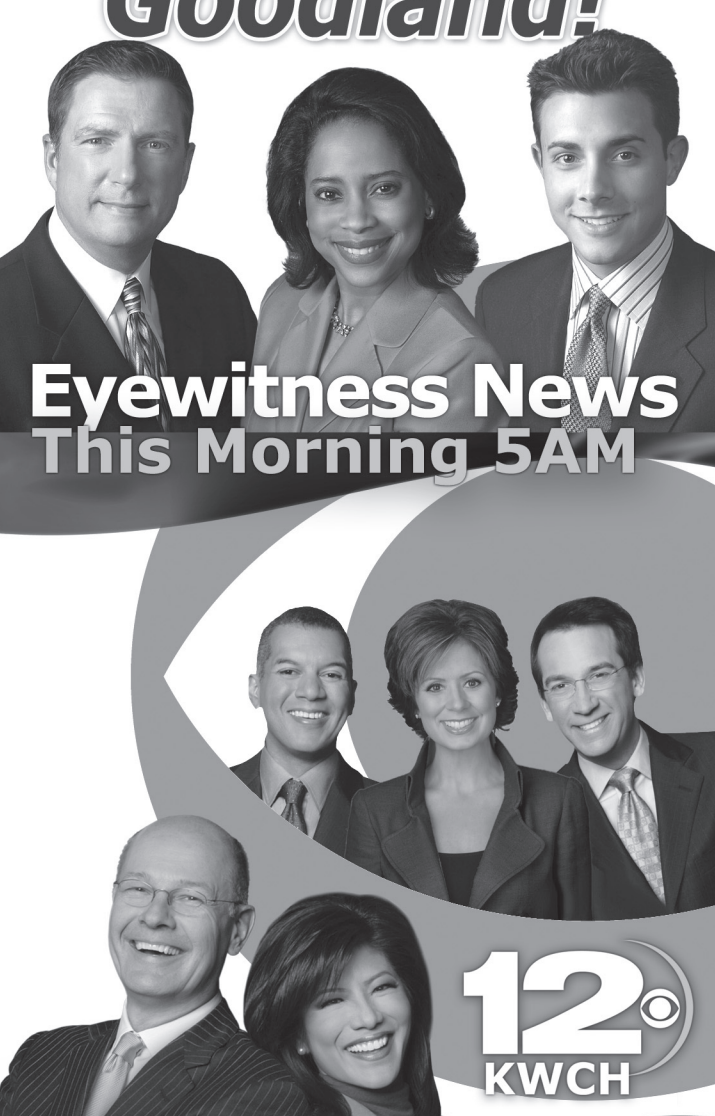
Second Annual Taste of Goodland Home Based Business Showcase

Saturday, Jan. 5
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
11th and Main
(Aten's Building)



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Eyewitness News This Morning 5AM

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THE EARLY SHOW WEEKDAYS 7AM

Worship warms the heart

Calvary Gospel Church
Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
Fourth & Colledge • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10:30 am
Morning Service: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal
307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, **Sunday:** 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm



Word of Life
A Foursquare Church
10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Associate Pastor: Ben Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
Life Groups - call for times and locations
www.wordoflifegoodland.org

Pleasant Home Church
Serving the rural community for over 100 years
Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Morning Service: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Brewster:
Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available

Kanorado United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Goodland Bible Church
109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday
For emergencies 890-6969

Harvest Evangelical Free Church
104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 p.m.

Church of Christ
401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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